GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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JOINT WORKING GROUPS ON TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Joint Working Group has been constituted by the Government with other foreign countries to check terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof including their composition; and

(c) the details of the activities carried out by them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes. At present, Joint Working Groups on Terrorism have been set up between India and Bangladesh, Canada, EU, France, Germany, Israel, Kazakhstan, Myanmar, UK and USA.

(b) The Joint Working Groups comprise inter-ministerial team of officers from the Ministries of External Affairs, Home, Defence, and law enforcement agencies, etc.

(c) The Joint Working Groups provide a forum to share assessment of the international terrorism situation and to discuss ways to further advancing bilateral cooperation and strengthening multilateral efforts in combating terrorism, including through expanding and upgrading anti-terrorism training and capacity building programmes in a number of areas, strengthening intelligence sharing, coordinating action and deepening investigative cooperation, promoting cooperation in counter-terrorism related technology and equipment, and working together for the full and effective implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373, which provide a comprehensive and mandatory framework for sustained global action against terrorism.